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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS

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SUBJ: SECVISIT - SCHEDULE

1. FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR JOHN RAPHAEL:

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

5:00 PM - ARRIVAL AT MAIQUETIA. MET BY FOREIGN MINISTER. SHORT  
ARRIVAL STATEMENT. SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIELD TWO OR  
THREE PRESS QUESTIONS. PROCEED TO CARACAS BY CAR.

6:30 PM - WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT NATIONAL PANTHEON.

7:00 PM - CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER.  
SITE WILL BE EITHER MIRAFLORES OR LA CASONA.

8:00 PM - PROCEED TO HOTEL TAMANACO.

9:30 PM - STATE DINNER FOR 80 TO 94 GUESTS AT CASA AMARILLA,  
HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM - BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER AT  
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LA CASONA, FOLLOWED BY WORKING SESSION WITH SMALL NUMBER OF

MINISTERS APPEARING AS REQUIRED.

12:00 NOON - WORKING LUNCHEON AT HOTEL TAMANACO FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY.

2:30 PM - PRESS CONFERENCE AT HOTEL TAMANACO. (ALTERNATIVELY PRESS CONFERENCE COULD BE AT NOON, LUNCHEON AT 1:00 PM)

3:45 PM - DEPART FOR AIRPORT BY CAR.

4:30 PM - DEPARTURE FROM MAIQUETIA.

2. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE BE HELD AT THE HOTEL TAMANACO AFTER THE LUNCHEON BECAUSE OF THE VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PRESS MEN WHO WILL BE ATTENDING, ESTIMATED CONSERVATIVELY AT 100, AND THE LACK OF FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. USIS WILL HAVE TELEX, LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONES, SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT THE TAMANACO, AS WELL AS PLATFORMS FOR AT LEAST SIX TELEVISION CAMERA CREWS.

3. POSSIBILITY OF FORMER PRESIDENTS BETANCOURT AND CALDERA ATTENDING STATE DINNER ON THE FIRST EVENING, APRIL 26, AND MEETING FOR BRIEF PRIVATE CHATS WITH THE SECRETARY WAS CONSIDERED VIABLE, SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION WITH BOTH GENTLEMEN.

4. IN FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEW, WORKING LUNCHEON SHOULD INCLUDE "ECONOMIC CABINET" IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS AND ONE OR TWO OTHER LEADING AD PARTY LEADERS.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF INVITING ENTIRE PARTY TO STAY AT CIRCULO MILITAR, SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION OF AVAILABLE SPACE. HOWEVER, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE ARE DISCUSSING VISIT ON THE BASIS OF ENTIRE PARTY STAYING AT THE HOTEL TAMANACO. ASENSIO

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